

Application No.10/690,910
Letter of Response dated 09/29/2004
Reply to Office Action of 09/27/2004

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this case. Of these claims, claims 14-16 have been withdrawn from consideration.

With regard to the requirement for election and restriction, the election of Group 1 consisting of claims 1-13, directed to a device for safely removing the spindle holding the breechblock in the carrier of a howitzer, is hereby confirmed. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention of Group II consisting of claims 14-16, directed to a method for safely removing the spindle holding the breechblock in the carrier of a howitzer.

Action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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